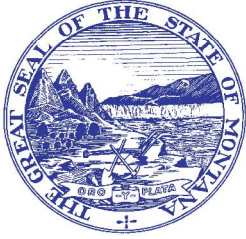


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To: Eligibility Case Mangers

From: Nancy Clark, SSI-Medicaid Policy Specialist

RE: Updates for Cases with a CS Participant

As the TEAMS bulletin explains, waiver and nursing home cases with community spouses will be deauthorized for July 2005.

This is based on changes to the community spouse income maintenance allowance standards and policy, which is outlined in your July 1, 2005 manual material, which you should have received within the past few days.

Please review the utility policy in the manual material, as actual utility expenses are not allowed for community spouse income maintenance calculations---only SUA or telephone standard, as appropriate, or no utility allowance at all. Please review your file and the EXPE screen for each case.

The reports of the deauthorized cases will be forwarded to counties as soon as possible after receipt at Central Office. If they are received electronically, they will be e-mailed. If they are received as hard copies, they will be mailed immediately and you will receive an e-mail telling you of the mailing.

If you have questions, please contact your Regional Policy Specialist.

Thanks!